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Father Darkleaf

BY
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So much has been said and written around the word "freedom" that it is a challenge to suggest anything new on the subject. Wars have been fought in the hope of obtaining freedom. Peace has been signed proclaiming freedom. Orators wax eloquent at the mention of the word. And science has come up with its countless inventions to invest us with freedom from darkness, drudgery and disease. Holy Men point to freedom from sin. Scholars point the way to freedom from ignorance. By auto, rail and plane we have seen freedom from isolation. By press, radio and TV we get a load of freedom of information, entertainment; free shopping tips. We have freedom in dress, freedom in selecting friends, freedom in where to eat and what to eat. Ah yes, my life span has seen a lot of freedom.

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But there is one freedom often overlooked, and I will write about that. Freedom from MUD.

Mud was an accepted fact of life in my early days. We never owned a cow, but Dad, successively, owned three horses, Nellie, Star and Kit. Nellie was a fast stepper and hauled us to church and visitations. And the country store. But too high-spirited to cope with country roads when the buggy wheels sank a foot deep into mud. So we traded and got Star. It was a bad trade, and we ended up with Kit. Now Kit was a huge horse, meant for farm assignments, but too slow to get us to the church on time. Encouraged with a few taps with the buggy whip, Kit would break into a lope, comical enough, but staining the harness, shafts and buggy. On the edge of town was a sign, "Speed limit fifteen miles an hour." Kit never made it, so we gave up on horses and got a Model T. But mud, deep country mud, red clay mud added up to make us move to the city. City mud is not too bad, but we still kept overshoes, boots and galoshes handy. And being in the city one was expected to keep one's shoes shined. Every barber shop had a shoeshine boy. Shoeshine stands were in most every block and some bootblacks operated along the sidewalk. We had our own home shoeshine box. I still have an old one in my basement, as a reminder. And car owners struggled endless hours to free their vehicles of mud. But, heavens to Betsy, I have lived to see a new freedom. Freedom from MUD. So much of the good earth has been covered with cement and paving. Huge paved parking lots are as necessary for business as merchandise. The shoeshine boy is as forgotten as the chimney sweep. The next fifty years will bring many changes. Perhaps how to change sea water into saltless drinking water, fuel from grain, new sources of energy, miracle medicines, etc. But somehow I will be thankful that I was part of the age that conquered MUD.

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From the note pad . . . last week a college baseball game ended with a score of 41 to 9, the winning team making 22 runs in one inning . . . quality school entertainment, with such class shows as Oklahoma and Annie Get Your Gun . . . how long before dogwood blooms? . . . everybody please coopereate with Clean-Up Week . . . in two installments I managed to mower the lawn . . . congratulations to the ACHS track team for some fine performances . . . some of these days I plan to count the number of signs along Confederate Blvd . . . suggestion: why not have a Brag About Appomattox Week . . . thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Cancer Crusade Now in Progress

$6,500 Goal For County

Once again Appomattox County residents will be called upon to help support the tremendous program of the American Cancer Society. This year's goal is $6,500.

The American Cancer Society is most fortunate and grateful for the many neighbors and friends who year after year go door-to-door collecting funds to help meet this goal set for our county.

Once again the annual Cancer Crusade is headed up by Mrs. Marge Mims and Mrs. Beck Hudson. They also serve as Residential Chairmen for the Appomattox area. Mrs. Nannie Mae Davidson is Captain for the Spout Spring community; Mrs. Ann Phillips is Captain in the Evergreen area; Mrs. Christine Ranson and Mrs. Helen Inge are in charge of collecting in the Rocks community; and Mr. and Mrs. William Dudley are heading up the collections in Pamplin. Once again Rev. R. Q. Lawing is collecting through churches, Mrs. Mary Alma Hudson is Memorial Chairman, and Mrs. June Chenault is Business Solicitation Chairman.

Workers are going door-to-door throughout the county but if somehow you are not called on and could make a contribution to the Cancer Crusade, please mail in your check to Mrs. Mary Alma Hudson, Treasurer ACS, Appomattox, VA 24522.

Only through the Cancer Crusade does a substantial amount of the funds raised return to this county in many programs and for financial assistance - approximately 60% and another 30% is to be awarded to research grants in Virginia hospitals and medical centers. A total of seven grants will be given: $165,798 to V.C.U.; $25,000 to Medical College of Virginia in Richmond; and $233,156 to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

A total of 180 medical research facilities receive funds to the tune of $38,683,464. $550,000 is appropriated for medical research scientists including Dr. David Baltimore and Dr. Howard M. Temin who have made major breakthrough in DNA and RNA research, receiving the 1975 Nobel Prize for medicine and Dr. Robert W. Holley, 1968 Nobel winner for his discovery work on enzime effects on cell function; Dr. Charles Heidelberger for his synthesized drug 5-FU major treatment for skin cancer and Dr. Elliott F. Osserman, pioneer in study of myeloma and forms of leukemia.

Other projects include Environmental Study of effects on human cancer, cancer prevention, occupational effects and causes of cancer.

Services provided locally are counseling services to patients and families, equipment loans (ACS solely funds and supplies all items in the Appomattox Loan Closet), surgical dressings, transportation assistance to treatment areas, rehabilitation, laryngectomee rehabilitation programs, mastectomy rehabilitation programs, ostomy rehabilitation programs and short-term emergency drug assistance programs.

A film library of 66 assorted films is availaible at all times for clubs, organizations and industrial programs. Trained nurses are available for short but complete courses on breast self-examination. Free information brochures on all subjects pertaining to cancer, its cause and cure are available.

Virginia is one of the high percentage areas for cancer, consequently, we need all the help we can get.

During the year other programs have been held to supplement the ACS programs. They have included a very successful Bike-a-Thon, a Radiothon, and Dance-a-Thon.

The fund raising drive for leukemia and the ASK skate-a-thon are both very worthwhile projects, as are the "golf tournaments for cancer" held in the surrounding areas, but none of these go toward our Cancer Crusade.

If there are any questions concerning this drive and or the requirements of the American Cancer Society's services, please contact either of the Crusade Chairmen or Mrs. Janet Noble, Appomattox County Chapter, ACS President.

Town Sets Clean-Up Weeks

The Town of Appomattox has set the weeks of April 16 through 20th and April 23 through April 27th as Clean-Up Weeks for the Town of Appomattox.

The town would like for all brush to be cut no longer than 6 foot lengths. All trash, leaves and small sticks should be boxed or bagged or in no larger than 30 gallon containers.

As required by a Town Ordinance, owners and occupants of premises in the town shall collect all waste and litter from the lawns, yards, gardens, fences, hedges, walks, driveways and other areas of such premises, and from the sidewalks, alleys or other public areas adjacent thereto. It is unlawful for the occupant of any premises to permit loose waste or litter to remain uncollected on such premises or on the sidewalks and other public places adjacent thereto for more than 24 hours; but such waste or litter shall be collected daily and placed in approved containers.

Upon failure to comply with these rules, the Town may clean such premises and the sidewalks and public areas adjacent thereto, and the cost may be assessed against the owner or occupant of such premises and collected in the same manner as taxes of the Town are collected.

All collected brush and trash should be placed to the property line closest to the street for pick-up. When Town citizens have their debris ready for collection they should call the Town office, 352-8268.

Please help to keep our pretty town even prettier - CLEAN-UP.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service Planned April 12

Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be celebrated Thursday, April 12, today, at 8 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church.

The public is invited to attend.

Lions Club To Have Ladies Night

The Appomattox Lions Club will have their traditional pre-Easter Ladies Night meeting on April 12, tonight, at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

The dinner-meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. (Note change in time.)

The Appomattox County High School Chorale, under the direction of Miss Teresa Quesenberry, will present a program of seasonal music.

There will be corsages for the ladies. All members and their wives or guests will want to be present for this meeting.

Members of the Appomattox Lions Club would like to thank the citizens of Appomattox County for their support in the annual White Cane sales Friday and Saturday. It was a big success.

Town of Pamplin Sets Clean-Up Weeks

Clean up weeks in the Town of Pamplin have been set for April 16 through 20th and April 23rd through April 27th. Trucks will be available each week day for pick-up, providing trash is piled neatly or in containers.

Bloodmobile Visit Success on April 3

Our visit netted 112 units which was 12 over our quota for this visit. Thanks to all of you donors who made this possible.

We had five first time donors (three of them students). They were Susan L. Williamson, Joyce R. Ferguson, Shelby J. Smith, Kevin Eugene Martin, and Rhonda G. Doss. Five who were first time donors in Appomattox: Larry W. Brogden, William F. Barton, II, Jerry W. Yeatts, William J. Stahling and Gregg C. Martin.

One Gallon Pins went to Donald Wayne Moses, James T. Ford, and Ruby R. Williamson.

To Gallon Pins went to John T. Williams and Stephen C. Poole.

Three Gallon Pin went to Ruby M. Reynolds.

Four Gallon Pin went to Kenneth Thomas Doss.

Five Gallon Pin went to Jane Morris Perdieu.

This visit was most unusual due to the quanity of the different types of blood collected. Most always there is a much larger number of O Pos. units per 100 than the other types but this visit was an exception to the rule. We collected 44 units of O Pos., 43 Units of A Pos, 8 0 Neg., 8 A Neg., 6 B Pos., 1 B Neg., 1 AB Neg. and 1 AB Pos.

Thanks again to everyone who made it possible to meet our goal at the bloodmobile. There are many who are most grateful for your efforts.

Alice C. Martin, Chm.
Blood Service

Tim Woodson Named Celebrity Chairman Of Skate-A-Thon

Tim Woodson, 13, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Woodson of Virginia Avenue, Appomattox, has been named Celebrity Chairman of Appomattox County's first Skate-a-Thon. Tim, the victim of childhood cancer at age 11 and now an arrested cancer patient, is a student at the Appomattox Middle School.

The Skate-A-Thon, to be held Monday, April 16, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. will be at A. J. Skateworld and proceeds will go to ASK, the Association for the Study of Childhood Cancer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, owners and operators of A. J. Skateworld, are donating the rink for the Skate-A-Ton and also skate rentals for the skaters participating. Only skaters with official signed Sponsor Sheets will be allowed to participate and they are asked to be at the rink one-half hour before registration time.

A grand prize of an XR 80 Honda Trail Bike will be awarded to the skater collecting the most pledged money for ASK. This bike was donated courtesy of local Wood Producers and associated wood businesses. A list of those donating will be available the day of the Skate-a-Thon.

The next three top collectors will be awarded a pair of "Pacer Precision" Skates, courtesy of Fidelity American Bank, Appomattox; a pair of "Pacer Precision" Skates courtesy of The Farmers National Bank, Appomattox, and a $50.00 Passbook Savings Account, courtesy of American Federal Savings and Loan, Appomattox.

In addition, other top collectors will be awarded the following: An AM/FM Radio with 8 Track Tape Player, courtesy of White Auto Store; Wilson Tennis Racket, courtesy of Falling River Realty; $15.00 gift certificate, courtesy of the Clothesline; a Vinyl Skate Carrying Case, A Tote Bag, a large Stuffed Rabbit, courtesy of Ben Franklin Store; a $10.00 gift certificate courtesy of Bargain Alley Outlet and $10.00 gift certificate courtesy of Friar Tuck's Fashions.

Anyone having questions may contact either of the Co-Chairmen, Carolyn Thompson, 352-7304 or Arlene Stratton 352-8493.

Won't you come out and watch the local young (and maybe some not quite so young!) skate for a cause . . . Childhood Cancer. **Help Them, Help Others!**

Farm Bureau Plans Spring Meeting

The Appomattox County Farm Bureau will have a Spring meeting on Saturday night, April 21st, at 7 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

The annual Style Revue Contest will be held at this time. Anyone interested in entering should contact the Women's Committee Chairman, Mrs. Betty Ford, or Mrs. Shirley Walton.

The Miss Appomattox County Farm Bureau Contest will also be held at this meeting.

Dinner will be served with the meat and drinks furnished by Farm Bureau. Each family is urged to bring two covered dishes of vegetables, salads, or dessert.

County Development Corp. Plans Annual Membership Meet

The 1979 Annual Membership Meeting of the Appomattox County Development Corporation is planned for Wednesday, April 18th, at 6:30 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Members and anyone interested in industrial development are encouraged to attend and to bring their spouses.

Speaker for the evening will be Mr. Edwin Holm, Director of Research, Virginia Division Industrial Development.

The cost of the meal is $5.00 per plate and reservations should be made with Mr. J. A. Smith by April 16th.

Council Proposes Animal Control Ordinance For Town

Action was taken on a proposed ordinance concerning animals running at-large within the town, known as the Animal Control Law, at the Monday night meeting of the Appomattox Town Council.

If the ordinance is adopted by council, it will be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any animal to permit such animal to go at large within the town. "Running at large," within the meaning of this section, shall mean off the premises of the person owning or having control of the animal or fowl or not on a leash four feet or less in length or under the direct control of a person capable of controlling the animal.

Four Represent 61 Years Service to Town

The four employees of the Town of Appomattox, shown above, represent sixty-one years of service to the town.

Mrs. Bobbie Mullins, center front, began employment with the Town of Appomattox September 27, 1965. She serves as Office Manager Accountant, and Clerk to the Council. Harold Nash, center back, began his employment with the town February 9, 1953. He is Director of Public Works. Ed Franklin, left, began employment on April 9, 1969 and is maintenance man and truck driver. On the right, William McDilda, maintenance employee, began employment with the town September 5, 1968.

Congratulations to these four Town employees for the good work they are doing.

The County Animal Warden and the Town Police would be authorized to enforce within the Town all laws and ordinances of the Town, the County and the State relating to dogs.

To read the entire copy of the proposed ordinance, you may read it in this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN or stop by the Town Office.

Council will consider the proposed ordinance at their May 14th meeting. If you have questions or comments, contact W. R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager, at the Town Office.

In other business, Edward T. Pettigrew Jr., Vice President of Horner, Barksdale and Company, gave a complete report to council on the Town Expenditures. Pettigrew is the Town's Financial Advisor.

Effective January 1, 1979, the Town of Appomattox will no longer levy Merchant's Capital Tax. State law no longer allows Merchant's Capital tax and business licenses to be charged at the same time.

The Harrell Street project, the second phase in the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, to construct a 50 foot street from Lee Street to Church Street is now underway.

All right-of-way and/or easements for the water line to connect the one million gallon water tank to the town's existing water system has been acquired.

Gov. Dalton Recognizes April As Cancer Control Month

Governor John N. Dalton met with key volunteers of the American Cancer Society recently to recognize April as Cancer Control Month. In an official statement, Governor Dalton said:

Cancer is still a major killer and the cause of severe suffering for many, although many forms of cancer are curable if detected early and treated properly.

Reminding us of this and of the warning signals that can bring special care and comfort, the American Cancer Society, Virginia Division, Incorporated has set aside April as Cancer Control Month, and I call the message it suggests to the attention of all Virginians.

Zach Patterson of Bridgewater, 1979 Virginia Division Crusade Chairman, Richard H. Carlton of Richmond, Division Public Information Chairman and Miss Jami Rinks, R.N. of Jonesville, 1979 Miss Hope of Virginia, met with Governor Dalton for the signing of the Certificate of Recognition.

The annual fund-raising campaign began April 1.

"Our April Crusade encompasses two vital objectives," Patterson explained. "Our goal of $2,600,000 will provide funds for research, public education and information, professional education and community and patient services. Also, we hope to have more than 100,000 volunteers from around the state sharing life-saving information with residents in their community and participating in activities which will call attention to early detection and prevention."

Pamplin Community Plans Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunrise Services will be held Sunday, April 15th, at 6:30 a.m. for the Pamplin Community at Piney Ridge United Methodist Church.

Rev. William Trimyer of Elon Baptist Church will be the speaker and special music will be provided by the Community Choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Daniel Plans Workshop in Farmville

Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel will hold a constituent "workshop" in his Farmville district office on Monday, April 16.

The Congressman will be available to see residents of the Fifth District from noon until 4 p.m. on that day.

The Farmville district office is located at 104-A High Street.

Daniel periodically holds such sessions throughout the sprawling Fifth District in order to make it easier for constituents, having problems with federal agencies, to bring their cases to his attention. The Congressman holds at least one workshop each year in every county and city in the district. He is also available to discuss legislative matters with those who come.

Anyone wishing to discuss a case pending before a federal agency should bring prior correspondence or file identification numbers to facilitate the Congressman's inquiries into his or her problem.

Daniel also will be at the Clerk's Office at Charlotte Court House from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the same day.

On Tuesday, April 17, he will be at the Nottoway County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to noon and in the Clerk's Office at Lunenburg from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

D.A.R. To Meet Today

The Blue Ridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will have a luncheon meeting Thursday, April 12, today, at 12:30 p.m. in St. Anne's Parish Hall.

Hostesses for the occasion are Mrs. Shafter Drinkard, Mrs. Horace Coleman, Jr., Mrs. Ronald Coleman, Mrs. Howlette Martin, and Mrs. Thelbert Trent.

UDC To Meet April 19

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Appomattox County Library on Thursday, April 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

COUNTY LIBRARY TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Appomattox County Library will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 16 and 17, in observance of the Easter holiday.

The Library will be open for normal hours April 18, 19, 20 and 21st.

Warren Coleman

Recognized at JMU's Honors Day Program

HARRISONBURG - Warren Coleman of Appomattox was recognized at James Madison University's Honors Day program Thursday, April 5.

He received the Carman C. Blough Award, presented annually to an outstanding senior accounting major. The award is sponsored by the Virginia Skyline chapter of the National Association of Accountants and is named in honor of the first chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Coleman is a member of the JMU Accounting Honor Society and earlier this year was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities for 1978-79. He was a four-year letterman in football and was twice named to the Academic All-America Football Team. Coleman was captain of the 1978 JMU football team and has received a National College Athletic Association postgraduate scholarship.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Coleman, Route 2, Appomattox.

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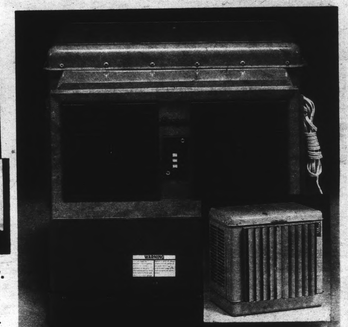

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